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TITLE OF INVENTION: FLOATING CHIP PHOTONIC DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

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While applicants believe that the claims are allowable, applicants do not acquiesce that the patentability resides solely in each feature identified by the Examiner, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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